

## Commodore's Report

### Commodore's Report to the Annual General Meeting:

A full copy of the Commodore's Report to the AGM appears on the QCYC Web site [www.qcyc.org.au/Download/AGMReports/Annual%20Report%202010.pdf](http://www.qcyc.org.au/Download/AGMReports/Annual%20Report%202010.pdf) It summarises the spectacular progress made in 2009/2010 in and around the Club.

If you are yet to visit your club in 2010, please take the chance shortly to view for yourselves the progress made to enhance both our environmental fingerprint and also the facilities available for your use.

I do not intend to list these again but simply note that since the AGM considerably more progress has been made to bring to bring much of this work to completion in time for the coming Xmas holiday period.

Now completed are both renovations to the structure of the preexisting wharves and also the construction of a further North Wharf extension. This area of the club has also seen the addition of lighting to both the wharf and road areas to enhance safety at night and the road banks reinforced with heavy duty sleepers .

The eroding road adjacent to the wharf to the immediate West of the clubhouse has been closed and the wall reinforced with extra soil, lawn and native plantings. The resultant area seems much more stable and more able to withstand erosion from the winter westerlies. By moving the road to the Eastern side of the property we appear to have avoided the need for the vastly more expensive rebuilding of the rock wall which appeared eminent 12 months ago.

The even more good news is that the area between the clubhouse and the wharf is now an extended lawn area available for safe recreational activity (no cars) and our boats are less likely to get dirt tracked onto them.

In addition by moving the woodyard, storage shed, rubbish tins and eventually even the gas bottles to an area to the North of the club and building a permanent, low maintenance and all weather road to the East of the club beyond the "Dame Pattie" Mast, we have gained considerable extra usable area to the East of the club and still within the boundaries of the lease area. Until this was done, a strip approximately 8 metres wide beyond the Dame Pattie mast had been essentially unusable.



*Eastern Developments*

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During these relocations we were able to upgrade substantially our underground systems for managing storm and grey water and they now look OK for a number of years to come.

During 2010 we have completed the planting of close to 1000 plants indigenous to the local coastal areas to further enhance the club's contribution to the local environment. A high proportion of these plants were donated free of charge.

These heroic works were carried by the same volunteers mentioned in my Annual Report to the AGM. I cannot emphasize enough how much the club owes to all its loyal volunteers and donors.

A further development which has been brewing behind the scenes for some considerable time has now come to fruition. As you should all know by now, the waterways including our fairway and berthing area along the wharf have been dredged by Parks Victoria as part of their contribution to the renovation and upkeep of the Swan Basin Mooring area. I am assured that the notorious bump upon which so many of our members have grounded is now no longer. We now should have 2.5 metres depth throughout the fairway and berthing area at low low tide. I will let you all know when the final survey has been conducted after the dredging has been completed. Again the club has been extremely fortunate to benefit from this dredging program which should markedly improve our site.

## **THE 2009-2010 COMMITTEE**

The committee has been returned to its full strength of 11 members following the election at the AGM.

<b>Commodore</b>	Ken . Gayler
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Brian. Golland
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Roger. Bennett
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Peter. Geary
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Naomi. Wilbraham

### **Committee Members:**

Mal. Billings  
John Gleeson  
Brian Phillips  
W (Bill) Stubbs  
Phil Lack  
Jonathan Crockett

We are fortunate to have retained the services of nine members of the previous committee and I am delighted to welcome Phil Lack and Jonathan Crockett to the General Committee.

At the AGM two further positions were created on the General Committee which will be filled during the coming year

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## *Flag and Committee Members*

2010-2011



Commodore  
**Ken Gayler**



Vice Commodore  
**Brian Golland**



Rear Commodore  
**Roger Bennett**



Honorary Treasurer  
**Peter Geary**



Honorary Secretary  
**Naomi Wilbraham**



Committee Member  
**Mal Billings**



Committee Member  
**John Gleeson**



Committee Member  
**Jonathan Crockett**



Committee Member  
**Brian Phillips**



Committee Member  
**Bill Stubbs**



Committee Member  
**Phil Lack**

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## Opening Day & H.M.A.S. Goorangai Memorial Race

### **HMAS Goorangai Memorial Race:**

The weekend of 20/21 November 2010 saw the first running of the H.M.A.S. Goorangai Memorial Race in conjunction with the QCYC Opening Day. November 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 was the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tragic sinking of the H.M.A.S. Goorangai with the loss of nineteen lives. Not only were we therefore able to run the Memorial Race on the actual anniversary, but were also able to include Memorial Prayers for the crew of the H.M.A.S. Goorangai in the Opening Day Ceremony.

I would like to see this event continue as permanent part of Opening Day Weekend, given its importance in Queenscliff's maritime history.

### **Opening Day 2010**

Our new Patron Captain Mark Hill – Commanding Officer of “HMAS Cerberus”- opened the season for us for the first time and regaled the more than 100 members and guests with stories from his extensive naval career.



*Opening Day Guests*

I was delighted to see so many vessels at the wharf dressed with an array of ceremonial flags and looking very much the part of a yacht club. The fleet was blessed by Reverend Peter Martin, the Vicar at St James in Queenscliff and this year the Anthems sung at a more appropriate pace.

Vice Commodore Brian Golland presented our 25<sup>th</sup> annual donation to “Cottage by the Sea”. This year \$3500 dollars was raised by club members and our visitors specifically for “Cottage by the Sea” and brought the total donated over the 25 years to in excess of \$80,000. Congratulations.

Our many distinguished guests from government, yachting bodies and our various neighbours stayed well into the afternoon mixing and meeting with members at a buffet style luncheon. I was delighted to see so many previous Commodores still fit to attend, some for the first time in several years.

I wish to thank sincerely the members who by bringing and pooling shared plates of goodies contributed to a highly successful event.

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## Queenscliff Music Festival Weekend @QCYC

This year our cruising director (Mal Billings) and our Social Director (Bill Stubbs) have been proactive in encouraging members and visitors to come to the club during the Queenscliff Music Festival weekend November 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> .

With the cooperation of Royal Brighton Yacht Club and Sandringham Yacht Club the annual Benito's Treasure Race was rescheduled and redirected to end in the Queenscliff area.

QCYC hosted a lively bunch of members and visitors on both Friday and Saturday nights with many expressions of interest from potential new members. This event proved an excellent chance to try out the new Pizza oven; an idea received with gusto by members and visitors alike. Thanks Mal , Jill, Bill and Gill.

Thanks also to Bill and John for hosting the Blairgowrie YS visit on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> . BYS visitors donated generously to the Cottage by the Sea and to the bar takings.



*BYS*

Many members find these various interclub visits an excellent opportunity to get to know other boaties around the bay. Please join in at any time.

## The Club Website

The Club Website is now being regularly updated and is now being used as the main notice board for reminders of coming events.

Please check the home page of the QCYC Website regularly.

A summary of Coming Events is included below. Please check the Coming Events Calendar and make sure that you send in the relevant booking/application details as soon as possible for all events over the December- February period.

I hope that this sailing season brings us favorable weather and fair winds and we see more members visiting and enjoying our great club.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ken Gayler  
Commodore

## Coming Events Calendar

### **New Year's Eve Pizza Party, Friday 31st December 2010**

Cost: \$10.00 for Adults and \$7.00 per child 12yo and under.

Respond using the attached RSVP slip.

### **New Year's Prawn & Oyster Luncheon, Saturday 1st January 2011 1200 hr**

Plates of Prawns or Oysters will be on sale on the day.

Respond using the attached RSVP slip

### **Sunday January 2nd, 2011 – Ross Farrow Memorial Cruise**

Cruise from QCYC to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and return

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: QCYC to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron for lunch. Fleet stay overnight, dinner ashore.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron to QCYC. Fleet to anchor for lunch ashore at the Sorrento Sailing and Coutta Boat Club.

### **Bass Strait Cruise – 2011**

#### **Wilson's Promontory & Gippsland Lakes: 22nd – 6th February**

More detail: [www.qcyc.org.au/Download/Cruises/2010-2011/Offshore%20Cruise%20Entry%20Form.pdf](http://www.qcyc.org.au/Download/Cruises/2010-2011/Offshore%20Cruise%20Entry%20Form.pdf)

Saturday 22nd January Fleet to muster at QCYC overnight. Fleet briefing at 1800 hrs.  
Sunday 23rd January The fleets depart QCYC for Cleelands Bight. Anchor overnight.  
Monday 24th January Departs Cleelands Bight for Wilsons Promontory, Lakes Entrance, spending a week in the Gippsland Lakes and returning home on 6th February

For late entries please contact Mal Billings Mobile: 0418 171315 Home: 03 95983523

Email : [malbillings@netspace.net.au](mailto:malbillings@netspace.net.au)

### **Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Peter Timms Memorial Trophy incorporating Coles Channel Picnic**

Two events – one for Sail – the other for Power Craft.

For further details on any of the above on land events contact Events Coordinator: Bill Stubbs, for sailing matters please contact Cruising/Racing Coordinator Mal Billings.

## Gate Closing Times – Summer 2010/2011

Gate Operating times for the Swan Island Security Gate from 1st December, 2010 until further notice

**Sunday to Friday:** 0700 - 2000 hours  
**Saturday and Public Holidays:** 0700 - 2100 hours  
**Xmas Day** CLOSED

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## QCYC

### COMING EVENTS RSVP SLIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cost: \$10.00 for Adults and \$7.00 per child 12yo and under.

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment will be on the night and wristbands will be issued on  
payment

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#### **New Year's Prawn & Oyster Luncheon, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

Plates of Prawns or Oysters will be on sale on the day.

Please indicate numbers attending to ensure we purchase  
sufficient supplies

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Respond by December 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 to QCYC Events

coordinator: **Bill Stubbs**

**1 Foam Street**

**Hampton VIC 3188**

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Email Responses preferred

All Enquiries: Bill Stubbs as above

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## Club Address

**Please note that the Club's address for general correspondence is:**

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